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1. CUBAN ROLE: CUBAN ROLE AND PROPOSALS REPORTED IN CAMEROONIAN PRESS AS MERELY ONE OF MANY EXAMPLES OF INSULT AND INJURY WHICH CHARACTERIZED BELGRADE CONFERENCE 1978: QUOTE "WITH LANGUAGE SO VIOLENT AND UNEQUALED IN INTENSITY, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF CUBA, SOMALIA, ZAIRE, BENIN, CAMBODIA, ETHIOPIA, GABON, VIETNAM AND EGYPT, UNDER THE GUISE OF THE RIGHT TO REPLY, AND, BEFORE THE TRIBUNE AND FROM THEIR ASSIGNED ROSTROMS, EXCHANGED INDIRECT ACCUSATIONS (TANTAMOUNT TO INSULT) UNQUOTE. CAM TRIBUNE FRENCH 30/31 JULY 1978. PRESS NOTED CONTROVERSY OVER CUBAN PROPOSALS SUCH AS: QUOTE "THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT OUGHT TO BE A NATURAL ALLY OF THYD SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" UNQUOTE, AND THE QUOTE "RIGHT TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH IT SAID WERE FACED WITH IMPERIALIST WEST AGRESSION" (UNQUOTE). CAM TRIBUNE FRENCH 23/24 JULY 1978.

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2. DEFINITIONS OF NON-ALIGNMENT: CAMEROONIAN PRESS SPOKE OUT STRONGLY ON QUESTION OF HOW ONE DEFINES NON-ALIGNMENT, AND PURPOSE OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. FOR EFXXPLE ON 26 JULY 15(/ CAMEROON TRIBUNE (FRENCH) STRESSED, ON ITS WORLD NEWS PAGE, THE PROBLEM OF THE AMBIGUITIES OF DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF NON-(6)8&.,3,5. EDITORIAL, SAME PAGE, ENUMERATED THE POSSIBLE INTERPRETATIONS OF NON-ALIGNMENT AS SEEN BY

SPECIALISTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND AS EVIDENCED BY THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE FOR EXAMPLE QUOTE A NON-ALIGNMENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE OR REFUSED, ISOLATIONISM, NEUTRALITY (CAMBODIA, BURMA), OF PROFIT (EGYPT, AFGHANISTAN) AND OF ARBITRATION (INDIA) UNQUOTE HERE, THE EDITORIALIST CALLED FOR THE URGENT NEED TO DEFINE QUOTE CLEAR CONCEPT OF NON-ALIGNMENT...(AS) INDISPENSABLE..BECAUSE MORE THAN EVER THE COHESION OF THIRD WORLD FRONT IS NECESSARY. UNQUOTE BURNING QUESTION FOR RADIO COMMENTARY OF JULY 30TH AND EDITORIAL OF JULY 26, FRENCH CAM TRIBUNE, WAS NEED TO SOLVE THE ECONOMIC QUESTIONS FACING THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, FOR WHICH THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS ORIGINALLY FOUNDED: RADIO STATED ORIGINAL GOAL OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS TO QUOTE AID NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES UNQUOTE SUCH THAT THERE WERE AN QUOTE INDICATION OF (NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES) NOT BEING APPENDAGES OF ECONOMICALLY OR POLITICALLY SUPERIOR POWERS. UNQUOTE. THE CAMEROON TRIBUNE COMMENTED QUOTE IN FACT INSPITE OF THEIR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, THE MAJORITY OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES FACE SERIOUS ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES... AND THEIR FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN IN THE FRUSTRATIONS OF THE NORTH/SOUTH CONFERENCE ASSIGNED TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF JUSTICE IN WORLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS UNQUOTE. FINALLY, THE CAMEROON RADIO'S EDITORIAL ASKS: QUOTE WHO NEEDS NON-ALIGNMENT THE MOST? UNQUOTE. IN ORDER TO QUOTE MAKE INDEPENDENCE MEANINGFUL, OUR PROBLEM IS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH SYSTEM TO ADOPT, AND IT IS MUCH LESS WHO SHOULD BE OUR FRIENDS UNQUOTE. OUR PROBLEM IS RATHER QUOTE ELIMINATION OF OUR ARCH-ENEMIES, SUCH AS: POVERTY, HUNGER, IGNORANCE AND DISEASE...WE CANNOT DEPEND ON ANYONE TO FIGHT THIS WAR FOR US. UNQUOTE. IT CONTINUED: THE ISSUES OF THE CONFERENCE ARE NOT TO QUOTE CONDEMN SUPER POWERS UNQUOTE. CLOSING THE EDITORIAL: QUOTE RATHER THAN ASK THEM (SUPER-POWERS) FOR FISH EACH TIME WE ARE HUNGRY, WE MUST ASK THEM TO TEACH US HOW TO FISH UNQUOTE.

3. THE OUTCOME-THE FRENCH CAMEROONIAN PRESS HEADLINED ON AUGUST 1, 1978 QUOTE THE UNITY OF THE (NON-ALIGNED) MOVEMENT PRESERVED AT BELGRADE UNQUOTE BUT CAMEROON RADIO EDITORIAL OF JULY 30TH 1978 SCOLDED THE MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING OVER THE LAST 5 CONFERENCES QUOTE BARREN IDEAS... BARREN BECAUSE (THE CONFERENCES HAVE NOT PRODUCED) CONCRETE PLANS UNQUOTE TO SOLVE THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, AND HAVE NOT QUOTE CONCRETIZED THEIR COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE UNQUOTE. KENNEDY

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